

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

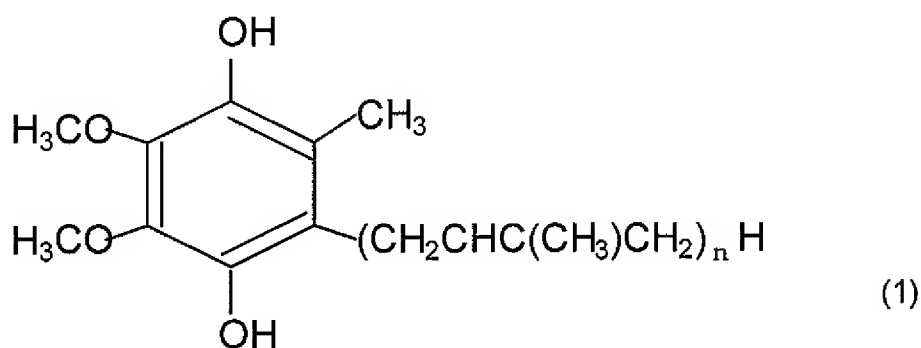
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LISTING OF CLAIMS:

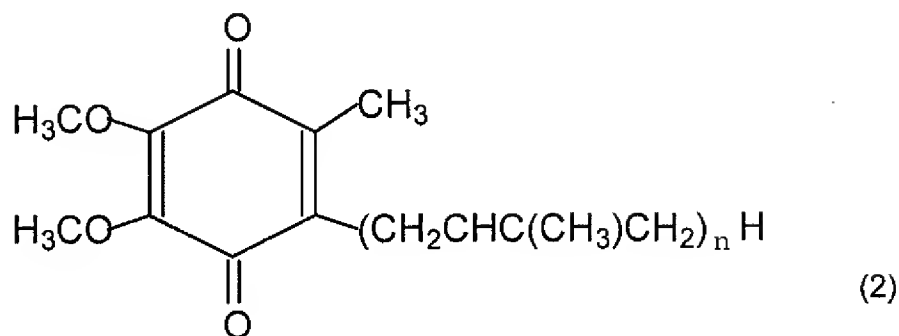
1 to 27. (canceled).

28. (currently amended): A method for reducing fatigue in animals in the state of fatigue, wherein the animals are middle aged or older persons and wherein the fatigue is physical exhaustion ~~caused by exercise or fatigue caused by aging~~, which comprises administering, to said animals, a fatigue reducing agent comprising

reduced coenzyme Q represented by the following formula (1) (wherein n represents an integer from 1 to 12) ~~as an active ingredient~~

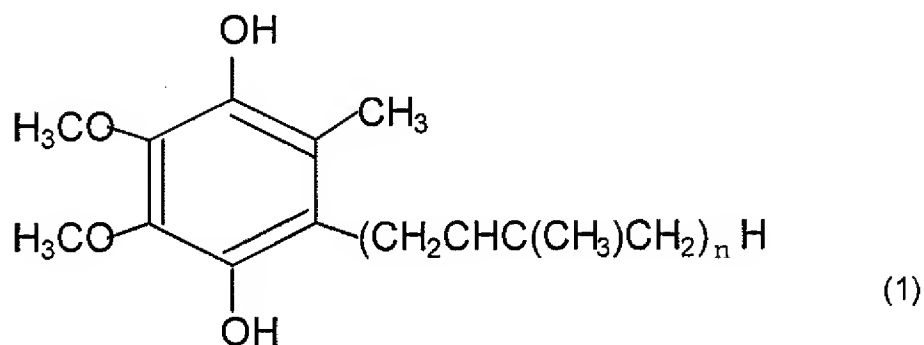


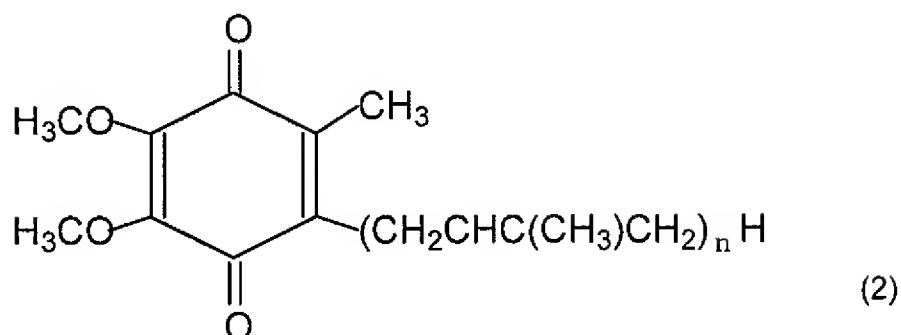
and oxidized coenzyme Q represented by the following formula (2) (wherein n represents an integer from 1 to 12) as the active ingredients



wherein the ratio of reduced coenzyme Q to the total coenzyme Q is 60-100% by weight.

29. (currently amended): A method for reducing fatigue in animals in the state of fatigue, wherein the animals are middle aged or older persons and wherein the fatigue is physical exhaustion caused by exercise or fatigue caused by aging, which comprises administering, to said animals, a fatigue reducing agent comprising reduced coenzyme Q represented by the following formula (1) and oxidized coenzyme Q represented by the following formula (2) (wherein n represents an integer from 1 to 12) as the active ingredients





30. (currently amended): The method according to claim 28-~~or~~-29, wherein n is 10.

31. to 36. (canceled).

37. (previously presented): The method according to claim 28-~~or~~-29, wherein the fatigue is muscle fatigue.

38. (previously presented): The method according to claim 28-~~or~~-29, wherein the fatigue reducing agent is administered orally.

39. (new): The method according to claim 28, wherein the ratio of reduced coenzyme Q to the total coenzyme Q is 80-99.5% by weight